



**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**Washington, DC 20423**

*Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration*

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Katry Harris  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Office of Federal Agency Programs  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: STB Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1185X), Consolidated Rail Corporation  
– Abandonment Exemption – in Mercer County, NJ

Dear Ms. Harris:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is conducting an environmental review for the above abandonment proceeding pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). SEA has been consulting with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Conrail (the Applicant) regarding this proceeding and has determined that the proposed abandonment will have an adverse effect on two (2) historic properties, the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) eligible Camden and Amboy Railroad Historic District and the National Register listed Windsor Historic District (Washington Township, Mercer County).

To date, SEA and the SHPO have agreed that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Transit (NJT), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Washington Township, Hamilton Township, Mercer County, the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society, and the Camden and Amboy Trail Conservancy should be invited to participate as Section 106 consulting parties in addition to the SHPO and Conrail. SEA intends to work with the consulting parties regarding the development of a memorandum of agreement (MOA), pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(b), to stipulate the resolution of adverse effects to historic properties. We do not seek your participation at this time.

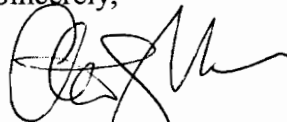
The following documents are enclosed for your review pursuant to 36 CFR 800.11(e): 1) Conrail's notice of exemption that describes the proposed action and contains information about the rail line; 2) the environmental and historic reports submitted by the railroad; 3) the

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environmental assessment prepared by SEA; and 4) copies of letters inviting the proposed Section 106 consulting parties to participate in the Section 106 process.

Please indicate to us in writing if you intend to participate in the Section 106 consultations regarding this proceeding. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this proceeding, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 565-1542.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Glidden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Catherine Glidden  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures (4)

cc (w/out enclosures): Charles Scott, NJ SHPO  
John K. Enright, Conrail